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SUBJ: REICHSBAHN COMPLIANCE WITH ALLIED ORDER: SENAT-GDR MEETING

REF: BONN 4370 (AND PREVIOUS)

1. SENAT TRANSPORTATION EXPERT LINSENMAIR MET AFTERNOON OF MARCH 17 FOR THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES IN HIS OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN WITH TWO OFFICIALS FROM GDR TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY AND ONE REICHSBAHN OFFICIAL. (NO GDR FOREIGN OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT). GDR OFFICIALS RAISED PROBLEM OF ACQUISITION WITH EXPANSION OF THREE RAILWAY STATIONS IN WEST BERLIN. LINSENMAIR REPLIED THAT THERE COULD BE NO DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS; HOWEVER, HE HAD ANOTHER MATTER TO RAISE. HE THEN MADE PREVIOUSLY-APPROVED TALKING POINTS (COMPROMISE PROPOSED INVOLVING USE OF SENAT/ALLIED OFFICIALS AS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS). GDR OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT GDR POSITION ON MATTER WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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WELL-KNOWN. LINSENMAIR REPLIED THAT SENAT COULDN'T

UNDERSTAND WHY REICHSBAHN HAS NOT ADHERED TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE.

2. GDR OFFICIALS SOUGHT TO RETURN TO DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY. LINSENMAIR THEN TERMINATED DISCUSSION AND TRIED TO ARRANGE FOLLOW-UP MEETING. EAST GERMAN SAID THEY UNABLE AGREE NOW TO NEW DATE BUT ASKED WHETHER SENAT WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET ON SHORT NOTICE IF THEY HAD REPLY TO LINSENMAIR'S PROPOSAL. LINSENMAIR REPLIED THAT ON THAT BASIS, HE WOULD NATURALLY BE PREPARED TO MEET ON SHORT NOTICE.

3. FOREGOING WAS PROVIDED BY SENAT OFFICIAL KUNZE WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN MEETING BUT HAD FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT FROM ONE PARTICIPANT. KUNZE NOTED FOUR POSITIVE ASPECTS OF MEETING: (1) THERE WERE NO GDR FORMIN OFFICIALS WITH GROUP; (2) CLIMATE WAS FRIENDLY; (3) EAST GERMANS THEMSELVES SUGGESTED REPLY TO LINSENMAIR MIGHT COME QUICKLY; AND (4) EAST GERMANS ASKED AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING THAT TALKS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

4. WE EXPECT WRITTEN REPORT OF MEETING MORNING OF MARCH 18.GEORGE

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